THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The various measures taken by the State Government of Karnataka to encourage plantation of sandalwood trees are:—

(i) Restoration of about 1,36,000 ha. of natural sandalwood bearing areas in nine districts of Karnataka in a period of 20 years;

(ii) Creation of pure patches/estates of sandalwood in 20,000 ha. in five districts of Karnataka in a period of 10 years;

(iii) Implementation of scheme, providing 75% as bonus to private parties/people who grow and protect sandalwood trees in their land;

(iv) Popularisation of Sandalwood plantation under Social Forestry Extension Programme.

Railway Infrastructure in Maharashtra

666. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any plan of action to provide vital rail infrastructure for development of the various backward areas in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) details of the projects targetted for completion in 1996-97 and those which are likely to be completed in the Ninth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following works have been taken up or are planned to be carried out in the backward areas of Maharashtra:-

NEW LINES

1. Ahmednagar-Beed_Parlivaijnath

2. Panvel-Karjat new BG electrified line (Phase-I)

GAUGE CONVERSIONS

1. Miraj-Latur

2. Mudkhed-Adilabad

3. Gondia-Chanda Fort

4. Solapur-Gadag

(c) None of the above project are targetted for completion during 1996-97. However, these projects are likely to be completed in the Ninth and Tenth Plan periods.

Determination of Staff Strength in Kendriya Vidyalayas

667. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that staff strength is determined every year in respect of every Kendriya Vidyalaya in conformity with a set of norms that exist;

(b) if so, what are the details of these norms;

(c) whether there are large number of teachers who have been working in Kendriya Vidyalayas without existence of their respective vacancies there;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof Vidyalaya and category wise; and

(e) what is the justification thereof in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAKIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of the norms are at given in the enclosed statement (*see* below).

(c) to (e) The staff in various grades are posted to each Kendriya Vidyalaya according to the sanctioned strength which is determined each year based on the enrolment of students/ courses of studies. If certain number of staff are temporarily rendered surplus because of the change in sanctioned strength due to decrease in classes/sections, upgradation, transfers, promotions and delay in joining new positions etc., they are posted/adjusted against available vacancies. This is a continuous process. There is no surplus to the overall sanctioned strength of Sangathan.

Statement

Determination of Staff Strength in kendriya Vidyalayas

1. The number of teachers in primary and secondary departments are estimated by dividing the total period of a Vidyalaya